GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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SECURITY IN LADIES COMPARTMENTS OF TRAINS
CHANDRESH PATEL KORDIA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received letters signed by 96 women passengers from Sonepat (Haryana) complaints that 'anti-social and bad character male persons forcibly entered into ladies compartments of trains and always teasing, insulting and defaming the girls and other ladies sitting in the lady compartments and it has become very difficult for the ladies to travel in the train;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to safeguard the lady passengers in lady reserved compartments ; and

(d) the number of bad characters and anti-social elements had been taken into custody and punished in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The above complaint was received on 31.12.1999. After necessary enquiry, all concerned were directed to keep strict watch on the trains carrying lady passengers especially in the ladies compartment.

(c) Though the maintenance of law and order and control of crime on Railway premises including Railway stations and on running trains is the responsibility of the State Government concerned but RPF co-ordinates with the GRP for ensuring better security to the Railway passengers and their belongings. The following steps have been taken by RPF for improving the passenger safety:

1. Joint checking of ladies compartments by GRP/RPF staff.

2. Patrolling at the platforms especially near ladies compartments.

3. At the Station in Delhi area, the staff of GRP has been instructed to keep watch on the ladies compartment.

4. In case any bad element is found travelling the ladies compartments, suitable action lis taken against him.

(d) RPF staff of Delhi Division on its part apprehended 38 outsiders travelling in ladies compartments during the year 1999 and 22 outsiders during the year 2000 (upto 20.7.2000) especially in Sonepat-Panipat − Ambala section under the provision of Railway Act and produced them before the Hon'ble Court.